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Dear Colleagues

Re: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II State Funeral - Bank Holiday

We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service. Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of her death, a period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a time for reflection in response to the death of the Sovereign.

As a school, we will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support our pupils, families, and staff. Normal school attendance is expected throughout the National Mourning period. As you are aware on Friday 9th September 2022, we held a special assembly which focused on her Majesty's indelible service and how she led with grace, dignity, and humility.

Throughout this week, we ask that you use the materials provided allowing all the children to reflect on some wonderful memories of Queen Elizabeth II. Thank you all for allowing the children to express their condolences to the Royal Family by writing postcards. The children that were captured completing this activity by BBC One which was aired yesterday in the evening news.

The official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19th September 2022. It has been formally declared as a national bank holiday throughout the United Kingdom as a mark of respect. This means that our school will be closed so children and adults can observe the proceedings with their families. The funeral will take place at 11.00 am and will see Her Majesty lie in state for four days beforehand in Westminster Hall. From there, the funeral procession will travel to Westminster Abbey. Her final resting place will be St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Please be reminded to let Hannah know if additional support for children who might be experiencing any particular upset due to the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is needed. However, we must commend our children for being extremely resilient since the death announcement last Thursday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with King Charles and the rest of the Royal Family as they mourn not only our Queen but their mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. We hope that the family will find comfort in knowing that she led a full life with lasting impressions around the world.



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Thank you for your continued support throughout this sensitive period. Let us remember to be thoughtful to each other as we reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

Yours faithfully,

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